

objections, allow Claims 1 to 3, and pass this application to issue.

The courteous interview granted applicant's attorney is gratefully acknowledged.

A number of amendments have been made to avoid the formal rejection. The subject cell line has been identified by its A.T.C.C. accession number and accompanying this response are copies of the letters to and from the A.T.C.C. establishing the deposit of the referenced cell line for patent purposes. So far as the parent cell lines, IL-2 is old, notorious and generally available, and does not require deposit or any additional reference. The line UC729-6 is a cell line which has been deposited in accordance with an earlier filed application, which earlier filed application is properly referenced. Finally, deposit of these earlier cell lines and other identification should not be required, since the subject invention is enabling in providing the subject cell line. As far as applicant's attorney is aware, there is no requirement in providing starting materials to enable someone else to reproduce the cell line, where the cell line itself is available.

Claim 3 has been amended to clarify an apparent ambiguity.

Before discussing the individual references, it is believed warranted to discuss the subject invention. What applicants have done is to greatly enhance the efficiency of fusion as compared to the parent cell line. This is specifically set forth on Page 9, lines 15 to 25.

As far as applicant's attorney is aware, the mechanism for enhanced efficiency is not known. Furthermore, there has been no showing, certainly not in the art cited by the Examiner, that mechanisms have been established for enhancing fusion

interview, the technique employed would appear to be primarily directed to providing cells which do not require the expensive fetal calf serum, but can be grown in a cheaper medium, i.e., Iscove's medium. Also, as was discussed in the interview, there are many alternative media, so that it is not immediately apparent that one should use any particular medium, when trying to wean the cells from fetal calf serum. Thus, the invention is truly serendipitous in having found a cell line with greatly enhanced efficiency.

As discussed in the interview, the Examiner recognized that a thousand-fold improvement is a relevant one. In view of the fact that the subject invention is a substantial advance over the prior cell line, where the advance was obtained by a mechanism which is not at all apparent, it is submitted that the subject cell line is patentably distinct from the prior art.

It would seem that the parent cell line UC729-6 would be the most relevant prior art. This cell line is the cell line which was derived from a myeloma cell line which was modified to become HAT-sensitive. Croce is concerned with a lymphoma line, not a myeloma line, and this is an ample distinction. Even more so, since Croce is concerned with providing a fusogen and not enhancing its hybridization efficiency. Iscove's medium is clearly old. The original cell line, developed by Levy is also admittedly old. However, there is no teaching of the subject invention, which employs growing cells in Iscove's medium to enhance fusing efficiency.

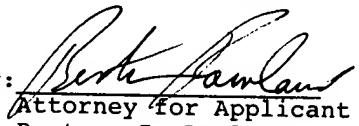
During the interview, it was discussed whether to limit Claim 3 to the fusogen of Claim 1. While at first blush during the interview, this seemed reasonable, after further consideration, it is believed to be unwarranted. The fact is, that while the method finds use in weaning FCS dependent cells

selecting for high fusion frequency. That there is such an opportunity when using Iscove's medium is the gravamen of the subject invention. Without having taught that this method can fulfill a dual purpose, no one would use Iscove's medium to enhance fusion efficiency. If one does not wish to infringe the subject invention, while still wishing to wean a cell line from FCS to Iscove's medium, a high fusion frequency cell line can be developed and then weaned. Therefore, the subject invention does not inhibit reducing a cell line's dependence on FCS, unless this is coupled with the substantial enhancement of fusion frequency.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the accompanying documents, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is earnestly requested to withdraw the rejections and pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attention: Ms. Bobbie Brandon

Re: HIGH FUSION FREQUENCY FUSIBLE
LYMPHOBLASTOID CELL LINE
Our File No.: 2307U-107 (UC 205-80)

Dear Ms. Brandon:

Submitted herewith are the forms for deposit of
W1-L2-729 HF₂ human lymphoblastoid B-cell line. The W1-L2-729-
HF₂ is being forwarded under separate cover in
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This deposit is being made by the undersigned
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To facilitate the immediate filing of a United States patent application, we would appreciate prompt assignment of an A.T.C.C. number. A telephone call to Mr. Rowland at the above number in Palo Alto will be appreciated. All correspondence should be sent to the Palo Alto address to my attention. All bills should be sent to the San Francisco address to the attention of Ms. Kathy Krause.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Bertram I. Rowland

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cc: Roger G. Ditzel

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

By: Bobbie A. Brandon

Date: April 13, 1981



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The American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) has received your deposit of a culture in connection with the filing of an application for a patent. The following information is provided to fulfill the Patent Office requirements.

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On behalf of Dr. Robert L. Lundak and the Regents of the University of California, Riverside

Date of Receipt of Cultures by the ATCC: 4-2-81

<u>Scientific Description</u>	<u>Depositor's Reference</u>	<u>ATCC Accession Number</u>
Human lymphoblastoid B-cell line	W1-L2-729 HF ₂	CRL 8062

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By: Bobbie A. Brandon
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